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METHOD FOR CONTROLLING AN

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Respectfully submitted herewith from a German Patent Office Action in parallel German application 103 16 294.1, of which priority is claimed, are copies of 4 German references DE 41 00 817, DE 101 33 526, DE 101 52 150, and DE 196 32 059, cited in the enclosed German Patent Office Action. For relevance of these references see the following, and Figs. and corresponding text thereof.

DE 41 00 817 A1 discloses that the actual value of the air quantity flowing through the AC device is determined and it is controlled by means of raising and/or lowering the air flow (blow power), in order to control the actual value to a desired value for the incident air quantity. The claimed present invention method differs from this cited art in the means for determining the actual value of the air mass flow. To the contrary of the method of DE 41 00 817 A1 where the air mass flow is determined

by a pressure differential measurement, by means of pressure sensors, with the subject matter of the present invention an air mass sensor is employed for the (direct) measurement of the air flow.

The other references are alleged to have other various features including some features of the dependent claims per se as set forth in the German Patent Office Action.

A PTO-1449 form is presented to list the 4 enclosed references. Translations of the German language references are not available to the undersigned.

This submission meets the requirements of 37 CFR §1.56, 1.97(i) and 1.98(a) and MPEP 609.

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